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RUTLAND JEWISH CENTER



The Rutland Jewish Center. In 1927 the Rutland Jewish Community purchased the former Baxter Memorial Library on the corner of Grove Street and Library Avenue.

Rutland Jewish Center

Members of the Jewish faith were present in the Rutland County area prior to the Civil War as evidenced by gravestones in the Jewish Cemetery in East Poultney. But the first recorded organized Jewish community began with the establishment of the Congregation Anshei Sholom in West Rutland in 1906. Six Rutland and West Rutland Jewish families got together to form this congregation.

With the movement of Jewish families from West Rutland to Rutland and a small influx of new families to the area, the Rutland Jewish Community took on an independent identity about 1910. The first permanent quarters were located in the Verder Block, now the Marble Bank. In October 1922, the synagogue moved to West and Elm Streets and in February 1927, purchased its present home, the former Baxter Memorial Library. The new synagogue was dedicated August 14, 1927 at which time as the **Rutland Evening News** observed that the synagogue “. . . is really one of the most attractive buildings in the state.”

The years 1930-1936 were particularly significant ones: the congregation's cemetery was purchased and its first Rabbi, Rabbi Mazure, was hired. Prior to Rabbi Goldberg, the congregation was served by Rabbi Max Weine, for nine years, Rabbi Ludwig Rader, one year, and Rabbi Jacob Handler, 14 years, in addition to Rabbi Mazure who stayed two years.

Despite its modest membership - six families in 1907, 40 families in 1936, 92 in 1961 and 125 in 1989 - the Rutland Jewish community has maintained a full agenda of religious worship, Jewish culture, fellowship and service.

The membership has contributed generously in both dollars and deeds to the welfare of Israel and the Jewish people. In 1948, the community welcomed six displaced persons and their families, some of whom have remained in Rutland. Louis Kazon and William Ginsburg assured employment. In 1951 the community's response to the Israel bond campaign was a remarkable one; over \$40,000 in bonds were sold.

Zionist activities occurred as early as 1926 and a local chapter was officially established in 1939. The Center includes an active and tireless Sisterhood and a B'nai B'rith Lodge, Number 1608, founded by Myer Hackel and Abe Dick. Its United Synagogue Youth chapter has won national awards and regularly produces leaders and officers in the Tzafon Region.

The recent years have been active ones on many fronts. The building, enlarged in 1956 at a cost of about \$75,000, was included in the National Historic Register and qualified for historic preservation funds which were used to preserve the structure and integrity of the building.

When Rabbi Solomon Goldberg and his wife Marilyn moved to Rutland in 1960 there were 75 families who belonged to the Synagogue. Today there are 125 families and the number is continuously growing. Attendance at both Sabbath services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings has increased along with the participation in Holiday celebrations. “People everywhere are looking for more meaning in their lives and the Synagogue is one way they can fulfill that need,” Rabbi said. “The people who come to Synagogue to pray are there because they want to be and not because they feel obligated that they have to attend.”

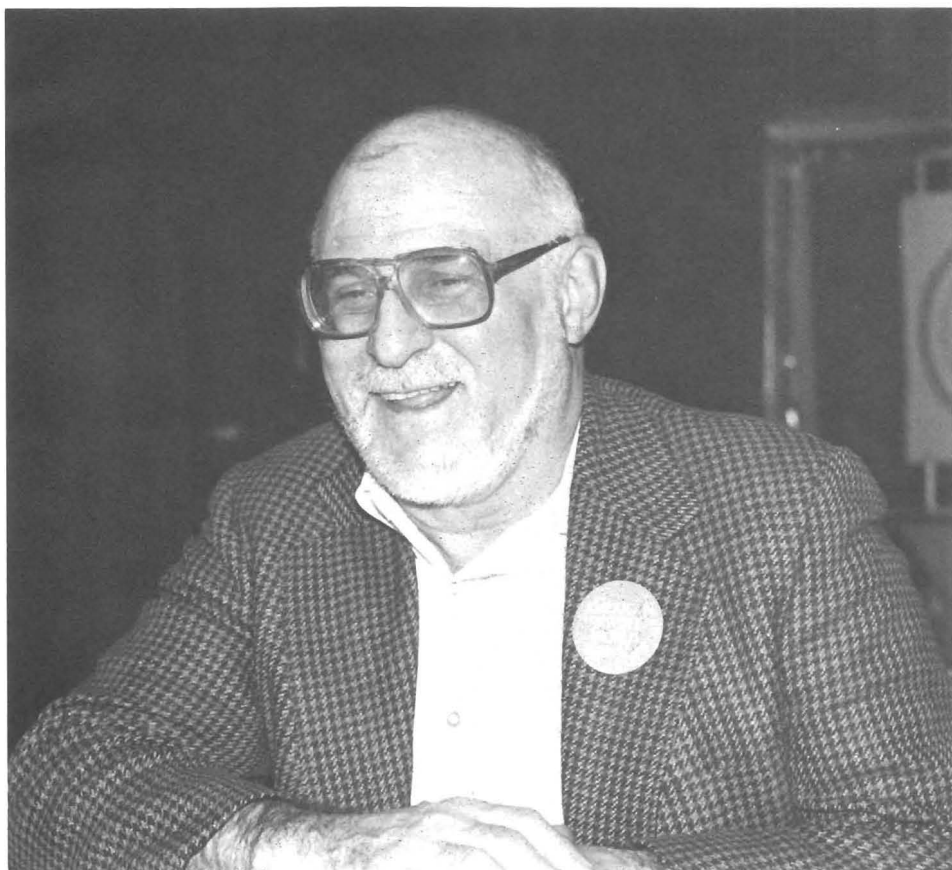
The Synagogue still is a central place for social events and meetings, and the physical improvements in the building over the years reflect that need. Thirty years ago, the Mintzer Memorial Hall, which is used for larger services and social events, was originally blue, printed cinder blocks that held a temporary platform where the Rabbi stood to lead services.

Today, Mintzer Memorial Hall has paneled walls, a red carpeted bimah, where the Rabbi stands, chandeliers, ceiling fans, and a "Tree of Life" on one of the walls. The "Tree of Life" is a way for people to honor a person or a special occasion, through the purchase of inscribed, gold leaves, which make up the tree.

The oldest part of the Synagogue is the former Baxter Memorial Library. Services are most often held in the upstairs room, which has maintained its original elegance, charm, and beauty. The sanctuary is a unique, high, domed room with a finish of golden quartered oak, cloth covered seats, carpeting, and a bimah with the Ten Commandments above it and Eternal Light, which continuously burns above the Holy Ark.

Rabbi Goldberg said, "We have had several visitors come to our Synagogue who have been traveling through Rutland and were surprised to find a Jewish community in this part of Vermont. When the visitors toured the Synagogue, they were even more impressed with the beauty of our sanctuary." Around 100 people can be seated upstairs and the downstairs hall can accommodate close to 300 people.

Since the 1950s, the community has been active in the Interfaith Council, and at different times, has visited nursing homes, distributing cards and candies on the Holidays to the patients. An ongoing project has been collection of food for the Rutland County Food Shelf, and recently, the Center donated lamps to the Open Door Mission. The members contribute to various charities on a yearly basis, including



Rabbi Solomon Goldberg, spiritual leader of the Rutland Jewish Center since 1960.

RUTLAND JEWISH CENTER
86 GROVE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT

May 11, 1960

Rabbi Solomon D. Goldberg
32 W. 96 Street
New York 25, New York

Dear Rabbi:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Rutland Jewish Center, Inc., at a special meeting held last night, unanimously elected you to serve as its Rabbi in accordance with the following:

1. The term of your office is one year, commencing August 1, 1960 of which the last month of the term, July, 1961, is to be your vacation month.

2. Compensation for the term is \$6,500, to be paid in equal installments, the installments to be weekly or monthly, at your option.

3. Your duties as our Rabbi shall be, as more particularly set forth in Articles XI and XVII of the Constitution and By-laws of the Center, adopted November 3, 1946, a copy of which is enclosed.

I would add that there have been a number of amendments since the adoption thereof, but that none of them pertain to the Articles abovementioned.

Should you so require, we shall be pleased to draw a formal agreement and submit it to you for approval, otherwise, and if the above terms meet with your approval, will you kindly return the enclosed carbon copy of this letter with your acceptance thereon endorsed where indicated, and this will constitute the agreement.

We trust the foregoing meets with your understanding and approval. If there are any matters requiring amplification, please advise.

The Congregation, and I personally, look forward to having you and Mrs. Goldberg with us next year and for many years because I feel certain that our relationship will be a mutually happy and rewarding one, both spiritually and socially.

Sincerely yours,

RUTLAND JEWISH CENTER, INC.

By Walter Gartner President
Walter Gartner
P.O. Box 448
Rutland, Vermont

ACCEPTED this
May 13, 1960:

Solomon D. Goldberg

Rutland Jewish Center

Service of Installation of Rabbi Solomon D. Goldberg

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1960 -- 3 p.m.

8 KISLEV 5721

Chairman--DR. GEORGE J. RAVIT

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Installing Rabbi	RABBI MAX WALL, Congregation Ohavi Zedek, Burlington, Vermont
Guest Preacher	RABBI EUGENE WEINER, Assistant Registrar, Graduate Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York City

ORDER OF SERVICE

Mah Tovu	MR. HENRY FUCHS
Invocation	RABBI WALL
Responsive Prayer	Congregation, led by RABBI WALL
Scriptural Reading	RABBI WALL
Messages of Welcome	MR. WALTER GARTNER, President, Rutland Jewish Center
Prayer of Installation	RABBI WALL
Address and Charge to the Congregation	RABBI WEINER
Anthem, "Hear the Voice of Israel's Elders"	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Charge to the Rabbi	RABBI WALL
Response	RABBI GOLDBERG
Closing Hymn, "Adon Olam"	Congregation, led by MR. HENRY FUCHS
Benediction	RABBI GOLDBERG

Collation

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COMMITTEE

DR. GEORGE J. RAVIT, *Chairman*

MR. ARTHUR DICK

MR. LOUIS ROME

MR. BERNARD KAZON

MR. LEWIS SALANDER



Marilyn Goldberg, wife of Rabbi Solomon Goldberg. Mrs Goldberg is an integral part of the spiritual, educational and social life of the Center.

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Betsy (Ravit) Chase, the first Bat Mitzvah of the Rutland Jewish Center, the first in the State of Vermont; currently, president of the Rutland Jewish Center, the first woman to serve in this capacity



the WSYB Christmas Fund, the Vermont Achievement Center, the Battered Women's Shelter, the Mayor's Emergency Fuel Fund. The community also sponsors the Kay Berger Scholarship Award at Rutland High School. Every Christmas, men and women from the Rutland Jewish Center volunteer their services at the Rutland Regional Medical Center, so as many workers as possible can spend the day at home with their families.

In addition to the physical changes in the building, one of the most significant occurrences at the Rutland Jewish Center (RJC) was the recognition of women. In 1975, women became full members of the Rutland Jewish Center and were counted in the minyan, as well as being allowed to read from the Torah. Originally only men had been counted as part of the minyan, or the "ten" needed to hold a public worship service. Now in addition to being full voting members of the Synagogue, women were equal in religious services, too.

These forward and positive changes in the Rutland Jewish Center are part of the Rabbi's and congregation's commitment to education and growth. There is an active Sunday School, Hebrew School and Youth Group at the Synagogue, as well as many ongoing adult classes. Rabbi Goldberg's work extends throughout the community. He conducts a biblical Hebrew class for local clergymen and teaches High School Hebrew eight periods a week. The Rabbi also lectures church groups or hosts visits to the Synagogue, in addition to his participation in the Interfaith School of Religion at the Trinity Church.

The Rabbi's ongoing Bible study classes have involved both members of the community and the Rutland Jewish Center and he has an instructional class in Judaism. The Rabbi said, "Sometimes I'm a counselor, sometimes I'm doing catering. It's all part of being a spiritual leader. But at the heart of Judaism is teaching and studying and putting those principles into practice by helping others. It's important to me as a Rabbi and to those families who belong to the Synagogue and the Rutland Jewish community."

The Rutland Jewish Center continues to grow both physically and spiritually with a blend of newcomers to the area and "longtime" Vermonters as members of its congregation. The congregation looks forward to an exciting future as part of the Rutland area community.

Volunteer Community Service has always been at the heart of the Jewish people and most important to the members of the Rutland Jewish Center. Since 1938, the longest continuing commitment has been the Hospital Book Wagon. Women from the Center take around magazines and soft cover books to the patients and supply the waiting rooms. Recently, a new cart was donated by area resident David Rosen in memory of his wife Pearl, who was a volunteer with this project for many years.

Another contribution to the health field was the establishment of the Rutland County Well Baby Clinic by a Jewish woman named Anna Frank. Founded over 40 years ago, it is the oldest ongoing free health care clinic in the County and one of the oldest in the State. The Clinic is staffed by Public Health Nurses who are assisted by volunteers from both the Rutland Jewish Center and the area Rutland churches. The Clinic sees infants and young children and does height and weight measurements, keeps records, gives dental care, makes clothing and vitamins available, and each month they help the doctors with their inoculations. The services at the Well Baby Clinic are available to any parent whose children are in need of health care in Rutland County. On an average monthly basis, the Clinic sees around 30 patients.

For over 30 years, the women of the *RJC* have also been manning the canteen at the Red Cross Blood Drives. The Red Cross workers and those who are donating blood are treated to homebaked goodies from the members of the Rutland Jewish Center Sisterhood. During World War II, members rolled bandages for the Red Cross War effort and sold Bonds.

History Briefs

1904—There were only 5 Jewish families in Rutland, with a bigger Jewish population of 25 families in West Rutland. Poultney had a Jewish Community dating back to the Civil War period.

May 22, 1910—First discussion for organizing a society to hold religious services when necessary. Congregation given name *Adath Israel*. Sam Fineberg “elected president unanimously subject to his acceptance.” Dues set at “ten cents a week.”

June 1910—Members plan first money raiser—the raffle of a diamond ring. Ticket chances set at 25 cents each with ring to be purchased “upon receipt of the first \$25.”

September 1910—Members hire a hall at \$10 for High Holiday services, a Torah for \$10, and cantor for \$25. “All brothers attending the service . . . (are) taxed \$1.50 . . .” with guests paying \$2.00. The hall was on the second floor of an old wooden building located downtown where the Marble Bank now stands.

January 1911—Members begin search for synagogue building; \$2,000 targeted as cost.

Spring 1911—H. H. Wolk given \$45 to buy a Sefer Torah when he “goes to N.Y.” He returns with a Magillah,¹ as well.

1923—A large brick building on West Street was bought by the congregation. A Hebrew teacher, Mr. Levi occupied one of the upstairs rooms.

1927—The *Adath Israel* Congregation bought the Baxter Memorial Library for \$12,500. The building was designed by the same architect who designed the old Temple Emanuel on 43rd St. and 5th Ave. in New York City. It had “gas lights, and earth floor in the basement and a very poor furnace.” Dedication ceremonies take place in August of that year in what *The Herald* calls “one of Vermont’s most attractive buildings.” In those early years Aliyahs² were auctioned for the High Holidays. H. H. Wolk had the privilege of being the auctioneer. “The shul always became empty when it came time for the auction,” he lamented.

February 21, 1932—Louis Myers and Lila Alpert have the first wedding in the Grove Street building. Daniel and Shirley Myers (March 1946) and Paul Mehl and Virginia Marshall (December 1948) follow in succession.

Fall 1940—The Rutland Council of Jewish Women (RCJW) rummage sale nets just \$40.05. (The May 1987 Sisterhood rummage nets over \$2,000.)

1940’s—The RCJW host a program on “extinguishing bombs”; contribute to a fund for the “Foreign Born”; learn of the need to block out Sabbath candles in case of an air raid warning.

1943—Rabbi Ludwig Roeder replaces Rabbi Max Wein.

December 1945—Center members hold a “Burning of the Mortgage Party.”

May 31, 1952—Betsy Chase is the first girl in Vermont to celebrate a Bat Mitzvah. Rabbi Jacob Handler officiates at the Shavuot service.

1956—The Center adds the Mintzer Memorial Hall for approximately \$75,000.

July 4, 1960—Rabbi and Marilyn Goldberg arrive in Rutland with their 22-month-old son Hobbi. Their first home is on the corner of North Main and Crescent Streets. The RJC acquires a new piano.

¹*Purim is a minor Jewish holiday which includes the reading of the Magillah (Scroll of the Book of Esther). Queen Esther was a brave woman who jeopardized her own life in order to save the Jewish people from persecution.*

²*Aliyahs: Blessings before and after reading from the Torah. To receive an Aliyah was considered a great honor. They were auctioned in order to raise money for the Synagogue.*

Remembrances

Even though my Father, Joseph Mintzer, was Chairman of the group that negotiated the purchase of the Baxter Memorial Library for the Rutland Jewish Center my memories are rather nebulous as I was still in high school. Girls at that period were persona non grata as far as Hebrew school attendance. Ironically some 35 years later our daughter was the first Bat Mitzvah in Vermont.

I do remember our first regular spiritual leader. His name was Rabbi Mazure, a dynamic speaker who was said to have an eye for the ladies of the congregation. He always asked for flowers to decorate the Bima on Friday nights in memory of loved ones.

Rabbi Wein came next. He and his wife were a great addition to our small congregation. They always had the young people come to their home after services on Friday night for stimulating conversation and good refreshments. During Rabbi Wein's tenure an invitation was issued to the Jewish boys at Dartmouth College to worship with us during the High Holidays. I don't know how spiritually the boys were lifted but socially for me it resulted in dates for the Winter Carnival, Graduation Week, and long lasting friendships. That was one of the fringe benefits of my early association with the Rutland Jewish Center.

Clarice Mintzer Ravit

The Rutland Jewish Center has been an integral part of the community life of Rutland as well as of its members throughout the years. As a native born daughter of Rutland I have witnessed fifty years of this history which in turn has involved my family, from grandparents, parents, and children.

The Rutland Jewish Center has given me the opportunity to be part of its history. As a youngster, I attended Sunday School in a class with four boys. Since I was a girl, I was not expected to attend the weekday Hebrew Classes with the boys. When I was 12, Rabbi Jacob Handler learned that a ceremony for girls was allowed by the United Synagogue of America to become a Bat Mitzvah. Up to that time there had never been a Bat Mitzvah in Vermont. Following a crash course in Hebrew I celebrated my Bat Mitzvah in May, 1952 to the pride of my parents, Dr. and Mrs. George Ravit and Grandparents, Mrs. Joseph Mintzer and Mr. David Ravit.

An historic change was incorporated in the organization of the Synagogue in 1975 when women were accorded full and equal rights in all aspects of the life of the Synagogue. For me the realization of this change occurred in 1988 when I was elected President of the Rutland Jewish Center.

In 1989 the Rutland Jewish Center is a viable organization with 125 members under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Solomon D. Goldberg. Incorporated in the Center are our organizations which serve the Center and the interests of its membership. The organizations are the Rutland Jewish Center membership, Sisterhood of the Rutland Jewish Center, B'nai Brith and Harai Tzafon Chapter of the United Synagogue Youth. I look forward to the committed future of the Rutland Jewish Center in the City of Rutland.

Betsy Ravit Chase

I first attended Hebrew School with Rabbi Levine at the corner of West Street and Elm Street where the former synagogue was located during 1925-1926. Some of my classmates were: Arthur Dick, Bailey Frank and Sidney Wolk.

In Rutland there were only about 6 Jewish families. Joe Mintzer was the moving force as well as the main benefactor. Through his efforts the current building was purchased and on March 14, 1927 a charter was issued Adath Israel.

My Dad passed away during the same year it was purchased and I would ride my bicycle from West Rutland to say "Kaddish." I remember a Mr. Louis Seff, a temple member as well as a marble cutter donating his time to do engraving at the Rutland Jewish Center; he did the Mogen David on the outside as well as the white marble insignia on the inside lobby.

The West Rutland Shul was sold by my Mother, Gussie Rosen Doloff, Dave Cohen and Louis Kazon (who owned a dress factory in West Rutland) because it was no longer being used. The proceeds of the sale were donated to the new Rutland Jewish Center.

Sidney Rosen

I became a member of the Rutland Jewish Center in 1936 paying \$12.50 dues every six months. Hebrew school cost \$1.00 per week per child. I became the 32nd member of the Congregation.

Soon after I became a member of the Congregation, a Rabbi was engaged at a salary of \$25 per week. His salary was increased by \$5 the following year. The Rabbi lived on Crescent Street and the younger couples of the Congregation used to go to his house for tea and cake after services or on holidays.

There were 11 boys in Hebrew school. It was necessary for an adult to be there every day to keep the boys under control. The Rabbi remained in Rutland for a few years, and then left for Camden, New Jersey, where he was offered a salary of \$60 per week.

We had an entertainment fund-raising room upstairs in the Center. It is still there now, but not many know about it today. The men and women would meet on the same evening, but in different rooms. The men would go through their meeting as fast as possible so that they could go upstairs and begin the fund raising (that is, card-playing!). We would put on a kosher deli meal for about \$35. Everyone enjoyed it and we had a good attendance at the meetings. It was all strictly kosher. The women would make the tea. This was done very often. As the older members passed on and we did not get enough new members who could afford this luxury or who were not interested in maintaining this fund raising, we had to stop this method.

The first bingo game was put on for our members by Celia Rome. This was in 1938. Prizes were given by our members and she raised \$80, which was a record amount for that time.

When the membership of the Rutland Jewish Center reached approximately 45 members, it was cited for having the largest per capita donation to the Jewish Appeal. It was almost \$50,000.

We were without a Rabbi for about one year, during which time we kept the religious part going. Henry Fuchs, a former resident, taught Hebrew and we had Friday night services on a regular basis, with Henry doing the cantorial part and I the English version.

I believe that I am the oldest Vermont-born member of the Rutland Jewish Center.

Louis Rome

Founders

Members making the Rutland Jewish Center on Grove Street possible include: Louis Berger, Nathan Blumberg, Abraham Dick, Louis Fast, M. Feinberg, Samuel Fineberg, Myer Fishman, Samuel Fishman, Samuel Frank, Nathan Gelvan, William Ginsberg, Irving Godnick, J. Hirsch, Myer Izenberg, Charles Kantor, Samuel Kantor, Max Kantor, Louis Kazon, J. Keizer, B. Kivasnick, Abraham Lash, Benjamin Lash, Samuel Levy, Joseph Mintzer, Harry Mintzer, Jacob Mintzer, I. Monson, A. Newman, Joseph Seff, Louis Seff, David Shapiro, Jacob Slater, L. Sussman, Abraham Weiss, and Harry H. Wolk.

The following Rabbis have served the Jewish congregation:

<i>Rabbi Mazure</i>	<i>1934-1936</i>
<i>Rabbi Max Wein</i>	<i>1936-1943</i>
<i>Rabbi Ludwig Roeder</i>	<i>1943-1944</i>
<i>Rabbi Jacob Handler</i>	<i>1945-1959</i>
<i>Rabbi Solomon D. Goldberg</i>	<i>1960—</i>

April 1971— Hilary Rosenberg is the first woman to lead an entire morning service, the day following her Friday night Bat Mitzvah.

Evelyn Westebee is the first to lead a Friday evening service (and in 1986 to chant a Haftorah).

1973— Rabbi Solomon Goldberg receives a statewide award, presented by the Vermont Conference of Social Concerns, for dedicated service to his fellowman, the poor and the mentally ill; for social concerns that exceed the demands of his vocation.

1974— Women become full members of the Rutland Jewish Center and have voting privileges.

June 1975— Our congregation votes women “the right to be counted in the minyan³ and to read from the Torah.”

1977, 1978, 1979— The Rutland Jewish Center receives a plaque from the National United Synagogue Youth, because of the highest per capita donations to the national youth group charity during the past ten years.

1985— Rabbi and Marilyn Goldberg celebrate their 25th Anniversary Year with the Rutland Jewish Center.

February 1987— The center can boast four full years of having a minyan for every scheduled service (Sabbath and Holidays).

1987— The Rutland Jewish Center is 60 years old and the congregation celebrates with a Diamond Jubilee Dinner.

³*Minyan: A necessary quorum of 10 in order to have a community service*



1932 party in former Libby Lash Lounge. Back row (l. to r.) Rose Weiss, Dorothy Sussman, Mary Wein, Jean Sherman, Gussie Doloff, Millie Mintzer, Pearl Rosen, Renee Dick; (middle row, l. to r.) Rose Snyder, Clarice Ravit, Ethel Mintzer, Anna Frank, Estelle Seff, Goldie Levine; (front row, l. to r.) Thelma and Shirley Wolinsky, Harriet Lash, Maurice Mintzer, Sally Wolinsky.



1960 Bar Mitzvah of Sam Ravit; (l. to r.) visiting Rabbi, Sam Ravit, Louis Rome, Walter Gartner, Henry Fuchs

The Rabbi and the Rebbetzin

Few in Rutland know them as Sol and Mickey, the names they used while in seminary. Fewer still know that the Rabbi years ago made up harmony for the choir and wrote many of the plays and pageants that the students performed; that he does a "mean job" of preparing Sabbath Kiddushes for which Marilyn often gets thanked; that he rides horses with USYers and loves folk dancing.

Marilyn (Nelkin) grew up in Norwich, Conn. the only child of not overly observant parents. "Someone once asked my mother where I was going to college," the Rebbetzin exclaims, "and she replied that 'Marilyn wants to go to seminary.' It was the first I had heard of it. I was thinking that I might be a Spanish teacher."

Similarly, rabbinical school for Rabbi Goldberg was also a parental expectation. He grew up in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, one of seven children. "My parents used to tell people that I was going to be a rabbi," he states. "I don't know why, my personal experiences with rabbis weren't that wonderful."

After his freshman year at Moravia College, however, the synagogue sent him for two weeks to a Youth Leadership Training camp. "It was about the same time as the establishment of Israel and it was a very positive experience," he says. A few years later, as an Army Private, while recovering from a broken leg at a base in Maryland, the Rabbi went to chapel every day "to avoid other work," and was made the chaplain's assistant.

Marilyn and the Rabbi became friends over a roasted chicken dinner while both were summer students at the seminary. They were married in 1957 and when he was ordained in 1960, they already had a baby boy, Hobbi. Because Hobbi was deaf, "The seminary had me interview at several places around New York City where there was appropriate schooling for him," the Rabbi says. "But when I expressed an interest in going outside the city, they targeted Rutland.

"We thought we'd be in Rutland 2-3 years," said the Rabbi. "But when we had any thought of leaving (for advancement purposes), the idea of uprooting Hobbi governed our expectations." Indeed, Hobbi's Bar Mitzvah is one of the things that readily comes to mind when the Rabbi speaks of quarter century highlights. "The Rabbi started crying during the service," says Marilyn, "and soon the whole congregation was crying."

The role of Rebbetzin which Marilyn proudly fulfills, is one that came gradually. At first she stayed home to care for the couple's three sons, Hobbi, Dov, and Ari. "People are always nice in Rutland," Marilyn says. "They are grateful for anything that is done." Now she teaches both children and adults, instructs both boys and girls in the art of challah making, works with Sisterhood, and adds a woman's touch to things around the synagogue. She gets special pleasure in watching the women, to whom she has taught Hebrew, participate in the service.

Both the Rabbi, who gets a lot of enjoyment from his USY participation, and Marilyn, derive pleasure in seeing the Hebrew School students being able to take over services on their own and play an active role on college campuses. The Rabbi sees his strength as a "positive attitude toward people," and sees a weakness in his inability to say "no." His participation in many community activities over the years attests to that.

Marilyn is reticent about confessing to strengths, insisting she doesn't think of herself as having any, and though busy always, derides herself for not being able to do all the things she sees that need doing. She has a beautiful voice, one the Rabbi characterizes as having "warmth," but doesn't like to be in the limelight. She does like being called "Rebbetzin," exclaiming that she doesn't "know how someone can marry a rabbi and not meet the expectations that come with it."

A Burlington Rabbi, when told recently that the Goldbergs had been in Rutland over 25 years, commented to the effect the Goldbergs have a good, rewarding and successful religious life in Rutland. The Congregation adds in mutual agreement, "So do we!"



*Marilyn and Solomon Goldberg
at the time of their engagement
to be married*

*The Center adds the Mintzer
Memorial Hall, 1956.*



Credits

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Locally, Ms. Gartner has performed with Actors' Repertory, Marble Valley Players and the Dorset Theater Festival. She has also been seen on television, in films and commercials, including Mary Adams in "The Adams Chronicles" on PBS and as assistant director for "Eugene O'Neill . . . Journey Toward Genius" on PBS.

Ms. Gartner is married to Allen Gartner. They have three children, Jennie, Jeremy and Emily.

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